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Mr. Robert Simmons, Staff Director
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Rob:

Enclosed herewith are the DDI answers to SSCI questions on the Quality of Analysis with regard to the FY83 Budget. For the record, the enclosed answers have been coordinated with our Comptroller's office. I defer to you for appropriate distribution within SSCI.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Chief, Legislative Liaison

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Five-Year Plan

7. Are the career path cadres still relevant given the DDI's reorganization along regional lines?

Yes. The reorganization was designed to facilitate the development of multidisciplinary products and of analysts who can individually bring more than one functional perspective to bear in one analytical effort. At the same time career panels for the career management and evaluation of our analytical cadre along functional lines will insure that necessary skill levels are maintained and that adequate recognition is given for functional performance and achievements.

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AG analysts maintain close and effective working relationships with their DDI and Community colleagues; many are drawn from their ranks, serve in the NIC for a year or two, and return to their parent organizations. The AG could not do its work without the help and cooperation of other Community analytical units, and other than normal professional differences of opinion and interpretation on what the facts may add up to, we see no frictions between AG analysts and those of other units.

- d. Is there a danger that the NIC will become somewhat isolated from the rest of the Community and that the NIEs will be overly influenced by the world view and biases of the National Intelligence Officers?

We see no danger of the NIC becoming isolated from the rest of the Community. To the contrary, the NIC works hard to establish and maintain close working ties with the Community from the NFIB members' level down to the working level. Military, State, DIA, and NSA officers are detailed for rotational tours of duty with the NIC. The NIOs spend a great deal of time and effort in working and communicating with their counterparts in the intelligence and policymaking communities. Because of the frequency and variety of these contacts, and because each estimate is carefully coordinated and scrutinized by many well-informed persons outside the NIC, we think it highly unlikely that estimates could be "overly influenced by NIOs' biases."

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SAFE

1. How will SAFE impact on the daily life of an analyst? What benefits will it offer? What risks?

SAFE will offer analysts the ability to receive most of their mail, store and manipulate their files, retrieve data from large centralized data bases, prepare finished intelligence reports, and share and coordinate their work with other analysts directly from their workstations. In one instance, the Interim SAFE System permitted a 4-hour data-gathering task to be completed in 30 minutes. Once implemented, the only foreseeable risk to SAFE operation is a power outage, which would lock data in the computer until power is restored.

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